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TO: Ms. Jamila Williams, Examiner

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RE: Response to March 25, 2002 Office Action

COMMENTS: Please see attached response.

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Art Unit 3712 Applicant: LINDEN, CRAIG L.

Response to March 25, 2002 Office Action

Response dated June 4, 2002

Attention:

Ms. Jamila Williams, Examiner

Faxed to 703-305-3579 (11 pages including drawings)

Thank you for the office action dated March 25, 2002. Below and attached are my responses. This is the first patent application that I have attempted prosecuting. I am a layman so please be patient. Thank you, in advance.

1. See attached proposed drawing corrections for the examiner's review. Please note that similar components/structures/functional means are represented in all the drawings by the same character numbers, i.e., the transducers labeled number 2 in FIG. 1 are also labeled as number 2 in FIGS. 2, 4-8 and 10.

Fig 1. I have added structures for fig. 1.

Fig 4. In fig 4 reference characters 2-3 (transducers and physical displays) may be two separate structures and might, in other applications, be a combined structure (see page 14, lines 8-12). Additionally, in fig 4, I have shown that the transducers and physical displays might be located in one or more parent structures, i.e., the handset, base or even a separate physical display structure. In 1a-c (fig 4) the

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exterior of the device may in some applications, may be part of transducer means for physical transducing and physical display, i.e., such as when a physical display is used to enhance game play, communications, etc. on a mobile phone or other type of device.

Fig 6. I added structures for 2, 3 and 25. Character 12 represents a person's hand.

Fig 8. I added structures for 2, 3 and 25. Character 12 represents a person's contact with the invention, represented in this figure as a teddy bear.

Fig 10. I added structures for 2 and 3. Character 12 and 14 represents the respective Boston and California based end user's hands, arms and faces while video conferencing.

2. See attached rewritten abstract on a separate sheet for examiner's review.
3. Inventor proposes a change to page 12, line 11 of the specification, reference 21 by substituting words "communications" in place of the word "transceiver".
4. See response number 5, below.
5. Claims 15-16 are withdrawn.
6. Claims 7-8 are withdrawn.
7. See response number 8, below.
8. Inventor requests assistance writing proper claims. Inventor agrees not to include Figure numbers in the claims and to add parenthesis if reference characters from the specification are used in the rewritten claims.

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9. Inventor requests assistance writing proper claims to avoid the noted omnibus rejection.
10. Inventor agrees to remove from the cited claims the whole of the “for example” phases. If permissible, I reserve the right to move such phases to description if necessary.
11. Inventor agrees to remove from the cited claims the whole “whereby” phases. If permissible, I reserve the right to move such phases to description if necessary.
12. Inventor, per response number 10 above, agreed to remove from the claim 2 the whole “whereby” phase including the limitation “the body”.
13. Inventor, per response number 10 above, agreed to remove from the claim 2 the “for example” phase including the limitations “the apparatus” and “the bear”.
14. Inventor, per response number 10 above, agreed to remove from the claim 5 the “for example” phase including the limitation “said replacement covering”.
15. Inventor agreed to withdraw claims 7 and 8 (see response number 6, above).
16. See response number 17, below.
17. As best understood by this inventor, patent ‘602 by Kikinis claims a robotically controlled doll, etc. with a speaker, microphone and movable limbs. The ‘602 claims are limited (for a limited example only) by such components as speakers, microphones, stored audio data and sound circuitry.

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18. See response number 19, below.

19. Inventor agreed to withdraw claims 7-8 and 15-16 (see responses 5 and 6, above).

20. Inventor remains willing to make further changes and modifications as may be suggested or required after the examiner reviews the above responses. Inventor is requesting the help of the USPTO to assist in writing proper claims.

Respectfully submitted,


Craig L. Linden

June 4, 2002

Items Attached:

- 1) ABSTRACT on separate page and modified to delete "be applied to various application" as suggested by examiner's office action item number 2.
- 2) Claims 1-21 (old claims 7-8 and 15-16 withdrawn).
- 3) Six drawing pages modified as requested by examiner's office action item number 1.